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May 20, 1962 - Sunday

Sunshine and rain alternated this morning, typical of the weather we have had all during May. I read in today's paper that thus far this month the climate has been on an average about the same as one usually encounters in England in the month of January. The temperature at 9:00 a.m. for many days has been around 50 degrees.

Mary Elena and Herman Phleger motored down from London for lunch. Nicky joined us, after two ecstatic days, one of them passed at Jeremy Tree's training establishment, and the other at Nancy Lancaster's. The Goodharts were there, as was Lefty Lewis. We left, with regret, for an afternoon train at Oxford.

I finished in the past two days the 300-odd pages of Montgomery Hyde's book on Bill Stephenson, for which I have promised to write a preface. I found it interesting, as would be anything about Stephenson and his work during the war. Whether it will be a popular work or not, I cannot judge. It will be for all who had any connection with clandestine services in that period.

May 21, 1962 - Monday

We had a lunch at the house today for

Alastair Forbes
George Weidenfeld
Barondess de Waldner
Miss de Waldner
Mrs. Lasker
Mrs. Mahoney
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson
Mr. O'Shaughnessy
Mr. Wells

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Afterwards, I left with Don Smith at 2:30, to attend the match at Lord's Cricket Ground, between the Marylebone Cricket Club and Pakistan. In spite of the rain, I found the spectacle diverting, especially since the finer points were explained to me by Don Smith, a devoted cricketer, and the President of Lord's, in whose box we sat.